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QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ADOLFO
SUAREZ WANTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON BUT THAT THE NEW ADMINIS-
TRATION IS RELUCTANT TO HAVE HIM COME?

ANSWER: IT IS CERTAINLY UNTRUE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY
RELUCTANCE ON OUR PART. US-SPANISH RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT,
AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE KING AND THE
SUAREZ GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN. WITH
REGARD TO A POSSIBLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY THE PRIME
MINISTER, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS
BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON ANY SPECIFIC DATE.
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